



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Pate, James  
Appl. No. : 10/620,778  
Filed : July 15, 2003  
Art Unit : 2876  
Examiner : Nguyen, Kimberly D.  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY  
TRACKING AND COMMUNICATING DATA STORAGE  
DEVICE INFORMATION USING RF TAGS: OPERATING  
CONDITION, CONFIGURATION AND LOCATION  
Attorney Docket No. : LSI 02-5976

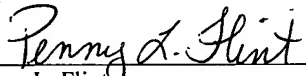
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.